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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 1105

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TAGS: PDEV, RH
SUBJECT: VAN HEERDEN COMMENTS: THE TEXT OF SMITH'S
REMARKS ON ELECTIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER PIK BOTHA'S AIDE, NEIL VAN HEERDEN,
TOLD EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR JUNE 1 THAT IT WOULD BE
A DISASTER IF THE RHODESIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WAS UNABLE
TO PROCEED WITH ELECTIONS AND INDEPENDENCE BY THE END OF
THE YEAR. HE SAID THAT THIS WOULD DESTROY THE CREDIBILITY
OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. VAN HEERDEN WAS NOT AWARE
OF IAN SMITH'S REPORTED COMMENT IN CAPE TOWN ON MAY 26
ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING ELECTIONS (LUSAKA 1887; THIS
COMMENT WAS NOT PICKED UP IN LOCAL PRESS REPORTS).
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INSTEAD HE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE ON A PROPORTIONAL
REPRESENTATION BASIS, A MOVE WHICH WOULD OBTAIN THE NEED FOR
A DETAILED COMPILATION OF VOTER ROLLS BY CONSTITUENCIES. VAN
HEERDEN THOUGHT THIS WOULD FACILITATE THE ELECTION PROCESS.

2. VAN HEERDEN ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO IAN SMITH'S

STATEMENT IN HIS CAPE TOWN PRESS CONFERENCE THAT
HE WOULD NOT STAND FOR OFFICE IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.
VAN HEERDEN HINTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD ENCOURAGED
SMITH IN THIS DECISION AND HE SAID HE BELIEVED IT WOULD ENHANCE
THE PROSPECTS FOR THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.
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